

# WASHINGTON.

## CONFERENCE REPORT UPON THE GENERAL DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Amendment to Reimburse Hayes for Money Expended on the Louisiana Com'n.

House Filibusters on the Mexican Pension Bill—River and Harbor Bill.

Postal Telegraph Discussed in the Senate—Remarks of Senator Maxey.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, July 2.—The senate insisted on its amendments to the bill, and a new conference was ordered. The senate then went into executive session.

After ten minutes in executive session, the senate resumed legislative business.

Mr. Van Wyck, from the committee on public lands, reported favorably a resolution providing for the patenting of any lands to railroad corporations, and also a bill to amend an act of March 3, 1879, relating to the sale of public lands.

Mr. Garfield, from the committee on judiciary, reported, with amendments, a bill relating to the taxation of public lands. The amendments are a substantial increase upon the bill of the house and those of the bill reported early this session by Mr. Garfield.

Mr. McKim, from the committee on judiciary, reported, with amendments, a bill to amend an act of March 3, 1879, relating to the sale of public lands.

The sundry civil bill was then taken up. Pending consideration of the bill the senate insisted on its amendments to the river and harbor bill and ordered a conference.

Mr. Sherman offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the senate will meet at the usual hour, Friday, Fourth of July, and after the reading of the bill, and before other business is done, the secretary of the senate shall read the declaration of independence.

The consideration of the sundry civil bill was then proceeded with. The amendments proposed by the senate committee to strike out the clause providing for compensation by salaries, and to provide for the States marshals, gave rise to considerable discussion. The committee's amendments were finally agreed to and the provision for salaries was struck out.

Mr. Beck moved to include the Cincinnati and Louisville expositions in the clause providing for the payment by the government in the New Orleans exposition.

Agreed to. Messrs. Jones and Gibson energetically opposed the committee's proposed amendment to reduce, from \$200,000 to \$250,000, the amount appropriated to enable the government to participate in the New Orleans exposition.

Mr. Gibson moved to put amendment at \$500,000. Not agreed to, and the appropriation was reduced to \$250,000.

The bill then passed and the senate adjourned.

HOUSE. Mr. Henry from the committee on public lands, reported a bill for the forfeiture of lands granted to aid in the construction of a railroad from Portland, Oregon, to connect with the Central Pacific railroad. Placed on the calendar.

In pursuance of an agreement yesterday, the house proceeded to vote upon a motion to substitute the military appropriation bill for the bill reported by the majority of the committee on appropriations. The motion was agreed to: Yeas, 150; nays, 91.

Messrs. Henderson, of Indiana, Howry of New York, and Messrs. Dargan, Ellis, Findlay, Finley, Hancock, O'Neill, of Missouri, and Patton, of the republicans, in the negative.

The bill, as amended by the adoption of the substitute, was then read: Yeas, 102; nays, 46. It appropriates \$500,000.

The conference report on the bill relating to the Southern Kansas railroad company, was agreed to.

Mr. Townsend moved the house proceed to the consideration of business on the speaker's table, his object being to reach the military appropriation bill, with the senate amendments. Agreed to, 153 to 73. The first bill on the table was an act to amend an act of March 3, 1879, relating to the appointment of additional associate judges of the supreme court of Dakota. The senate amendments were concurred in.

The next bill on the table was a pension bill, with senate amendments against it. Mr. Hewitt raised the question of considering the bill, and the special order being the bill granting pensions to survivors of the Mexican and Indian wars.

Mr. Hewitt (New York) asked unanimous consent for the adoption of a preamble and resolution reciting that numerous frauds had been committed recently, had been disclosed in several executive departments of the government, and asking that the members of the house be kept informed of the whole investigation of the whole matter.

Before the completion of the reading of the resolution Mr. Hiseock moved to suspend the rules and permit Mr. Hewitt to introduce a resolution of censure against the members of the committee of a democratic house.

Mr. Hewitt then moved the resolution on the republican administration of the government.

Does my colleague, said Mr. Hewitt, does my responsibility of refusing to allow an investigation to be made? Mr. Hiseock—Yes, I do.

So the resolution was not received.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, July 4.—The senate was called to order promptly at 11 o'clock, and after the reading of the declaration of independence was read.

The senate further insisted on its amendments to the deficiency bill, and re-appointed the same committee of conference.

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